



**2022 REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS
CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST
DIVISION 2 – GRADES 7 TO 8**

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THIRD PRIZE**

HOPE AHEAD



I look at this place of desolation,
In the shadow that covers the ground,
I see a bundle- a child, all alone
I step forward
"dry your tears", I say
I soothe her scars with my warm palms,
"Please believe that everything will pass,
with the light in your eyes,
with strong faith,
look forward,
move forward,
there is hope ahead".
Let's do it together,
Hold my hand
With a heart, let's go ahead,
To the warmth of the Canadians,
For whom there is a place
Called home.
Hail Canada! Always a welcoming home.